notes and the limited capacity of the existing units to meet this demand.

(c) To bridge the gap between the demand and supply of currency/bank notes, following steps have been taken :—

(1) The existing two note printing presses at Dewas and Nasik have been put on two shifts working.

(2) The Government have decided to set up two new Note Printing Presses—one at Salboni (West Bengal) and the other at Mysore (Karnataka).

(3) A decision has been taken to coinise Re. 1/-, Rs. 2/-, and Rs. 5/- denomination notes in a phased manner so as to utilise the capacity so released for printing of higher denomination notes.

Export of Wheat

4188. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the official trading agencies are facing difficulties in finding buyers export wheat to other countries ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation ; and

(d) the target set for export of wheat during the current year and the extent to which it has been achieved so far ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The questions do not arise.

(d) As against the target of 10 Lakh MTS for export of wheat for the current year STC/MMTC have already exported 2.98 lakh MTS and have export orders in hand for another 3.65 lakh MTS.

Working Group Under Indo-Italian Joint Business Council

4189. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI :
SHRI MAHESH KUMAR KANODIA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a working group under the aegis of the Indo-Italian Joint Business Council (JBC) is proposed to be set up to facilitate a large number of joint ventures and licensing agreements between the two countries ;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof and the time by which the working group will be set up ; and

(c) the benefits likely to accrue and the areas of exports to Italy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c) In the 6th Indo-Italian Joint Business Council (JBC) meeting held in Milan, Italy on 18th of June, 1991, it was decided that a working group would be set up mainly with the objective of facilitating Italian joint ventures in India. The working group has since been set up and will strive towards expansion in economic cooperation between the two countries.